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The foreseen challenges are normally the ones that are the easiest to overcome. It is the problems that are unforeseen and occur during the implementation that pose the biggest challenges. The biggest challenge to implementing anything additional to the already busy schedule of a teacher or administrator is always going to be time. There should not be any objections to implementing strategies to get parents more involved in their child's education, but convincing teachers to devote extra time to such an endeavor will be a challenge. The second challenge can be directly related to the first challenge...gaining unified support from colleagues. Colleagues may see the value of such a cause, but they too will have difficulties devoting additional time to implement the research study.

**Responses:**

Jack, those were a few of the challenges I posted as well. Time is a big issue when implementing anything new, but I believe that action research should be part of our everyday routines. It should be as normal as breathing. We should be able to stop, reflect, and analyze all throughout the day without requiring any extra time. It should not be recognized as an add-on to their day but as an integral part of their everyday.

I agree with your thinking on teachers finding it hard to devote time to a new project. Even though a teacher should take time each day to stop and make reflections, the challenge of devoting time to make home visits with parents could prove difficult. If you could truly get your colleagues on board with your project and set up a schedule for each teacher to do a home visit only once a month or once a six weeks, this would not seem as time consuming as it originally sounded. Teachers that really want to make a change for the better for their students and their families, and for the community as a whole, will probably see the time investment as well worth it.

Jack, you hit the nail on the head: time robs us of a lot of what needs to be done. One of my favorite sixth grade novels, *The Phantom Tollbooth,* Tick Tock the Watch Dog has the following quote: "Take a second to look around / See a sight, hear a sound / Take a minute to concentrate / Analyze, contemplate / Take an hour and change the fate of the world!" If educators could do this, we could take an hour and change the fate of a child's world!